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of the I.A.S. he is liable for appointment to any other post borne on the I.C.A. Cadre of the State or any equivalent post."

Women welfare centres in Ongole taluk.

* 1225 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANASWAMI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Rural Welfare be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of women welfare centres working in Ongole taluk and the daily attendance at each centre;

(*b*) what is the percentage of attendance of the agricultural labourers, the Harijans, the peasantry and the merchants at Santhanuthalapad centre;

(*c*) the number of women benefited by these centres for earning their living independently; and

(*d*) the total amount spent for running these centres in Ongole taluk for the year 1952–53?

THE HON. SRI S. B. P. PATTABHI RAMA RAO :—" (*a*) Four centres.

" The daily average attendance at each centre is as noted below :—

Vallur branch—
Office centre—4.
Slum centre—3.

Santhanuthalapadu branch—
Office centre—7.
Slum centre—7.

" (*b*) There are only Harijans in the slum centre. In the office centre, 50 per cent of the members are Harijans. The rest belong to peasantry and merchant class.

" (*c*) Vallur branch—
Office centre—27.
Slum centre—23.

Santhanuthalapadu branch—
Office centre—36.
Slum centre—25.

" (*d*) Rupees 5,268–1–0."

Mangalagiri Weavers' Co-operative Society, Guntur district.

* 1226 *Q.*—SRI K. KRISHNA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Co-operation be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that orders have been passed by Government superseding the Board of Management of the Mangalagiri Weavers' Co-operative Society at Mangalagiri,

Guntur district; and if so when the orders were passed; and what were the charges levelled against the Board sought to be superseded; and what was the explanation of the Board on the charges; and whether the approval of the Guntur District Co-operative Central Bank, Limited, was obtained for the supersession;

(b) whether it is a fact that a party headed by the Senior Inspector of Co-operative Societies and a posse of police invaded the office of the Mangalagiri Weavers' Co-operative Society on the morning of 20th March 1953 and forcibly took possession of the offices, stocks and records of the society, and if so, why was the police utilized for the purpose; and

(c) whether it is a fact that the office, stocks, records in (b) were taken possession of in the absence of the office-bearers of the society and whether the clerks were threatened with arrest if they did not surrender the office, stocks and records to the Senior Inspector of Co-operative Societies?

THE HON. SRI D. SANJIVAYYA :—" (a) Yes, Sir. The Committee of the Society was superseded by the Registrar of Co-operative Societies in his proceedings, dated 10th March 1953. A copy[a] of the above proceedings containing information in regard to the charges levelled against the Board of Directors, the explanation offered by it, and the Registrar's conclusions thereon is placed on the table of the House. According to section 43 (5) of the Madras Co-operative Societies Act, only consultations with the financing bank and not its concurrence is required, and this has been fulfilled in this case.

" (b) The President of the Society did not turn up on the date fixed for handing over charge to the Special Officer as directed in the order of supersession. The Special Officer assumed charge himself on 20th March 1953 from the employees who handed over all the properties of the Society in their charge. In order to prevent any breach of peace, the Deputy Registrar, Guntur, arranged for Police bandobust; and

" (c) Neither the President nor the acting President was present and they evaded handing over charge. The Special Officer took charge of the properties of the Society from the persons who were in actual possession of them. There is no information whether the clerks were threatened with arrest if they did not hand over the office, stocks and records to the Special Officer."

Shifting of Nellore District Munsif's Court.

* 1227 Q.—SRI K. KRISHNA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Law be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have received representations from the public of Gudur to shift the District Munsif's Court from Nellore to Gudur;

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[a] Printed as Appendix I on pages 1754–1759 infra.